

I wish to register an extreme objection to NPRM 02-230 (the "Broadcast Flag Mandate"). This is a direct abridgement of my right to use the computer that I bought, and is my personal property, for the uses which I deem necessary, in my own home. This is simply not acceptable; the statements made by the RIAA and similar like-minded organizations are irrelevant to the issue; they are making statements about copyright when the issue is about the broadcast signal in the first place. Surely the RIAA is not claiming that they own the copyrights to ALL RADIO BROADCASTS. There are plenty of low-power, legal radio broadcasts all over the country (although, in point of fact, you have managed to legislate most of them out of business, thanks a lot) which broadcast royalty-free content; there is no reason why I should not be allowed to purchase equipment that allows me to receive such broadcasts. Just once, try and do the right thing.